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Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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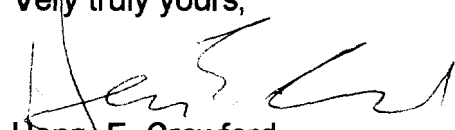
Re: In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations
Indian River Broadcasting Company
Manistique, MI
MM Docket No.:

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Indian River Broadcasting Company are an original and four (4) copies of a "Petition for Rulemaking" as directed to the Allocations Branch.

Should any additional information be required, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,


Henry E. Crawford
Counsel for
Indian River Broadcasting
Company

cc: The Allocations Branch

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To: The Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Indian River Broadcasting Company ("Indian River Broadcasting"), by counsel, hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202 of the Commission's Rules, to assign FM Channel 260A to the community of Manistique, Michigan, as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Manistique, Michigan	None	260A

1. On January 10, 1997, the Chief, Allocations Branch, returned Indian River Broadcasting's initial proposal for Channel 257A to Manistique, Michigan. Accordingly, Indian River Broadcasting hereby submits a proposal to insert Channel 260A at Manistique, Michigan.

2. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 260A can be assigned to Manistique in complete compliance with the Commission's distance separation requirements as

contained in 47 CFR §73.207. The reference coordinates: 45-57-28 N 86-14-46 W will show the 70dbu (city grade contour) entirely encompassing the city of Manistique, Michigan. Moreover, there is a wide area available for placing an appropriate transmitter.

3. Manistique is a city located in Schoolcraft County, Michigan. According to the 1990 Census, Manistique has a population of 3,456 persons. Manistique is located on Interstate Highway 2 in Northern Michigan. At present, the community is not receiving community service from any aural service. Therefore, the public interest will be served by the assignment of Channel 260A to Manistique, Michigan.

4. If the Commission assigns Channel 260A to Manistique, Michigan, Indian River Broadcasting will apply for a construction permit and will construct a new facility upon award of that permit.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the above, Indian River Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 260A be assigned to Manistique, Michigan.

February 7, 1997

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Respectfully Submitted,

Indian River Broadcasting
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By:


Henry E. Crawford

Its Attorney

Indian River Broadcasting Company
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EXHIBIT 1

260A Manistique MI

REFERENCE

45 57 28 N

86 14 46 W

CLASS = A

Current Spacings

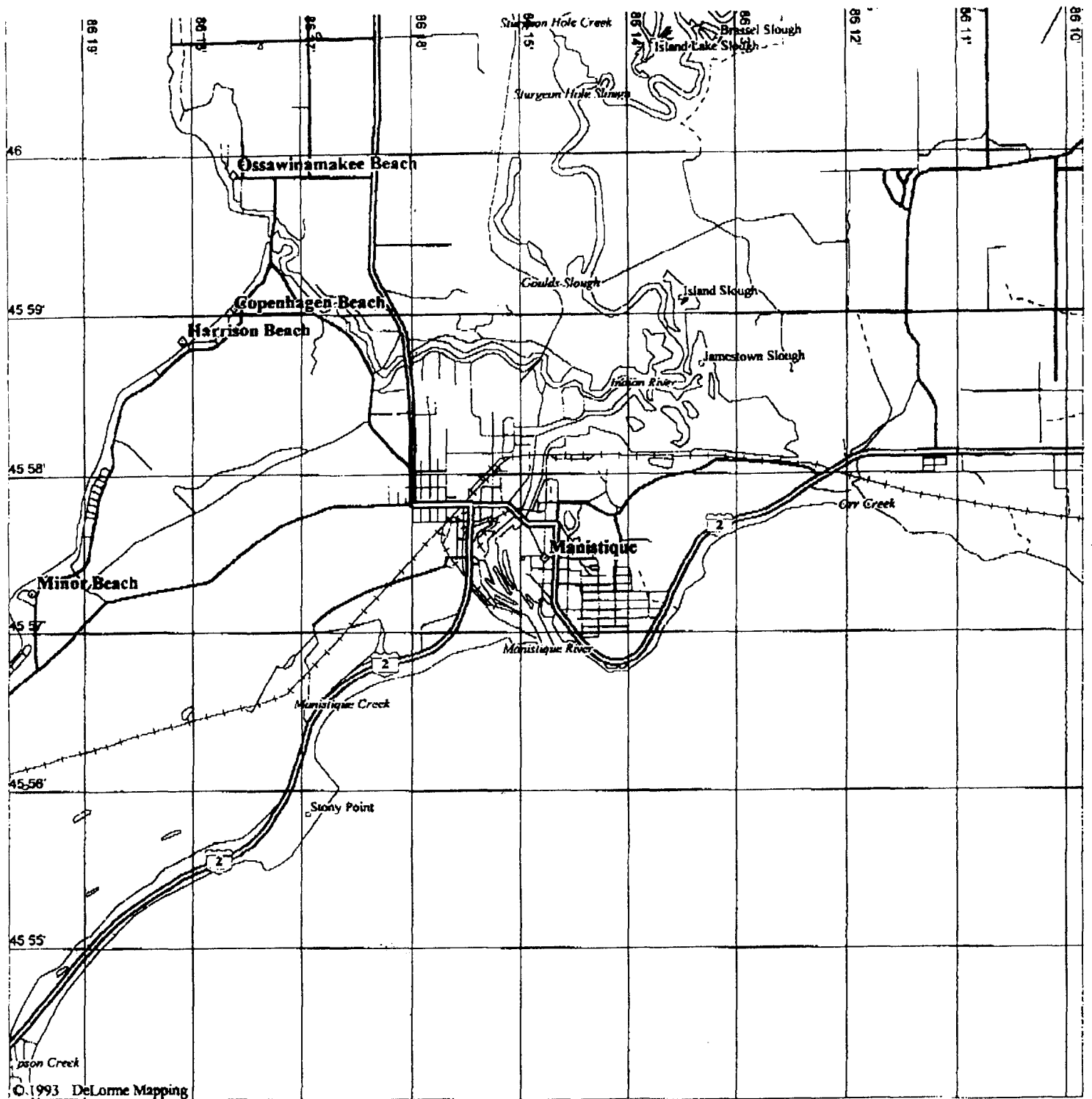
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----- Channel 260 - 99.9 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
WELG	LI 260C2	Rogers City	MI	191.47	108.2	166.0	25.47
CHASFM	OP 263C	Sault Ste Marie	ON	160.33	66.8	103.0	57.33
CHASFM	PR 263C	Sault Ste Marie	ON	162.35	63.4	103.0	59.35
WLFM	LI 259C2	Sturgeon Bay	WI	182.55	216.8	106.0	76.55
AP258	AP 258A	Negaunee	MI	113.61	303.5	31.0	82.61
ALOPEN	AL 258A	Negaunee	MI	121.31	300.7	31.0	90.31
WBNZ	LI 257C2	Frankfort	MI	149.88	177.4	55.0	94.88
WYSS	LI 258C2	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	150.83	70.4	55.0	95.83
WZTU	LI 261A	Bear Lake	MI	171.00	176.7	72.0	99.00
WRHN	LI 261C1	Rhineland	WI	246.15	262.7	133.0	113.15
WGRYFM	LI 262C1	Grayling	MI	196.54	141.2	75.0	121.54
AP207	AP 207C2	Bear Creek Twp.	MI	145.91	126.4	15.0	130.91
WUGN	LI 259C	Midland	MI	302.93	153.1	165.0	137.93
AL261	AL 261C	Manitouwadge	ON	354.47	5.1	195.0	159.47



LEGEND

- State Route
- Geo Feature
- ◇ Town, Small City
- ▲ Park
- ▭ US Highway
- Population Center
- Street, Road
- Major Street/Road

- Variable Trails
- ▭ State Route
- ▭ US Highway
- Railroad
- River
- Intermittent River
- Airfield
- ▭ Land Mass

Scale 1:62,500 (at center)

1 Miles

2 KM

Manistiquic, MI (pop.3,456)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry E. Crawford, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing
Petition for Rulemaking have been served by United States mail, postage
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